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Opponents of prompt municipal organization find a chilly reception for their honest though mistaken views among Hawaii's progressive citizens.

Honolulu will prove to the satisfaction of all patriotic citizens that however frequently celebrations may follow each other, there is always plenty of enthusiasm on tap for the Fourth of July.

As an example in the advantages of municipal government, it would be possible for the city council to settle the street numbering business within a week of its being brought up for discussion.

Rumors of murder let loose in the Chinese capital stir the barbaric blood of even civilized nations. If this story proves not to be a canard, certain it is that China will pay the penalty in rivers of blood.

A special session without a special election will solve the legislative problem without arousing serious opposition from the other islands or giving local citizens to believe that their interests are being slighted.

One of Supt. McCandless' strongholds is his energetic effort to find ways and means when he finds the people requesting an improvement that can be furnished by his department. Whatever mistakes are made in this direction will be counted in Mr. McCandless' favor.

Really the most remarkable feature of the Fourth of July meeting was the ease with which T. McCandless' Stewart proposed that the chairman of the meeting appoint the general committee. Which goes to show that states are not to be feared when preparing for the celebration of the Declaration of Independence.

To think that Gen. Otis should have been greeted by an ovation on his return to his old home in Rochester, N. Y., and that Gen. Joe Wheeler should come up from the South to participate in the jubilation. The anti-imperial and Democratic press have evidently made a serious error in balancing up the account of Gen. Otis' standing with the people.

The wise men who oppose the numbering of houses in Honolulu are doubtless past masters in the art of always seeking something for nothing. The price of house numbers is a decidedly small premium for house-holders to pay for the privilege of having their mail delivered each day. Civic pride is not expressed by a policy that puts up with old customs because modern conveniences cost a little more.

If Hawaii will adopt the policy of assessing property holders for betterments to their holdings resulting from street widening and extension the Chinatown problem would not present very serious difficulties. Heretofore street widening has always been conducted on the basis that great damage is done the property owner, when in nine cases out of ten his land has been very much enhanced in value. Thus the government pays the full price for damage and private individuals get all the benefits.

Members of the Republican Territorial committee were placed in office to discuss and decide upon such a course of action as shall make for the best interests of the party as a whole. If the secretary of the committee is to be selected from outside members of the party, the name of Charles Wilcox is earnestly recommended. Mr. Wilcox has proven himself first class worker, he has a wide acquaintance and high standing throughout the islands and is generally admitted to be eminently capable of performing the duties of the position.

ILL-TIMED OPPOSITION.

Opposition to municipal organization throughout the Territory does not come as a surprise. This opposition was to a certain extent apparent in the discussion of the Hawaiian bill before Congressional committees and was so far successful that the original amendment, making municipal organization mandatory, was modified, leaving the matter optional.

In some quarters this opposition is prompted by the personal desire to keep up the old custom of holding the administration of affairs throughout the Territory in the hands of a few, while others take the slow going, indifferent view that the islands have "got along" under the system of cen-

tralization for all these years and they see no immediate necessity for a change, even as an American Territory.

If Honolulu and the Hawaiian Territory is to forever roll in the deliriums of tropical prostration and indifference, then there is indeed no immediate necessity for municipal organization in Honolulu, Hilo or any other place in the islands. On the other hand, if the citizens of the Territory propose to fulfill the duty of their high calling as American citizens, lend their efforts to such measures as shall make for the continued progress of the islands and the development of the Territory on the broad American lines of modern advancement, and thereby give to the citizens of every island, town and hamlet the full degree of home rule to which they are entitled, if it is the honest desire to move forward, not backward, the people will not hesitate to grapple manfully with the problems of the hour as presented by the organization of municipalities.

A slight increase in taxation may indeed result from the organization of town, county and city corporations, but experience has proved that the householder, or merchant cannot invest his money to better advantage.

As the Territorial law gives Hawaii a government practically independent, so municipal government will give each city and town the full freedom of independent progressive action that will meet the demands of local interests. The time has passed when the people are satisfied with or their interests best served by being tied down to the say so of the capitol building of Honolulu. They will not allow the wheels of American progress to be clogged by indifference or the possible personal or local advantage gained by centralization.

Good Returns From
Municipal Enterprises

Any one skeptical of the results of municipal operation should carefully study English gas history, not only because, next to water, the gas industry and its management by municipalities is the oldest of any municipal undertaking for profit, but because most of the opponents of such public operation have given up the fight against public operation of water works and concentrated attention on gas and electricity. I have made a study of 199 private-owned gas companies and 79 public plants in northern counties, using the latest returns to the House of Commons that are at hand, viz., those for the fiscal year 1897-8. These private companies, with sales of 15,637,053,900 feet, received from gas, rent of meters and stoves and from residuals and other sources 74.7 cents per 1,000 feet. The public plants, selling 20,511,331,009 feet, obtained 75.4 cents, or seven-tenths of a cent more than the private companies. On the other hand, not only were the operating expenses, before deducting residuals, 2.3 cents less in the public plants, being 52.4 cents per 1,000 feet, as compared with 54.7 cents in the private companies, but the consumer obtained three advantages from his slightly higher payment of less than three-quarters of a cent per 1,000 feet on the average. One of these advantages arose from the considerable payment to the sinking fund, so that ultimately, after the debt has been paid, the cities will be able to sell gas at merely operating cost, if they so desire. In the second place, so far as the consumer is a taxpayer, relief in tax burden from the net profits of the gas works equaled in a large proportion of cases the very slight advantage of the gas consumers of the public plants, and one that alone much more than counterbalances the above three-quarters of a cent of increased charge, was the higher candle power. Of the gas sold by the public plants in these six northern counties, 41.3 per cent was above 18.5 candle power and only 2.3 per cent was below 16.5 candle power, while of the sales by the private companies only 27.5 per cent was above 18.5 candle power, and 37 per cent was below 16.5 candle power. A clearer illustration of the superiority of public management under what the critics consider substantially similar conditions could not be imagined. To be sure, the average sales of the 199 private plants, of about 142,000,000 feet, was considerably less than the average sales of 260,000,000 feet in the public plants, but after the output of a plant reaches 140,000,000 feet the economies do not increase rapidly with the increase of another 120,000,000 feet. In the above companies is sold nearly one-half of the gas of the public-owned plants and one-fifth of that of the private-owned plants of the United Kingdom.

It is no wonder that during the past ten years thirty-eight private gas works have been bought by cities and no changes have occurred in the opposite direction in Great Britain. There would be much more rapid change to public ownership of the gas industry were it not for the English laws, which prevent a municipality entering upon this business without first buying out the existing company at its franchise value. Gas franchises in England were granted many decades ago, before limitations of time and provisions for public purchase at reasonable prices were thought of.

On March 6, 1899, the Local Government Board, as previously ordered by the House of Commons, submitted a return of all the leading municipal undertakings from which any revenue is derived in the United Kingdom. It appears that the average annual net profit on water works during the five years ended March 31, 1898, was 4.2 per cent of the outstanding capital. In gas works the profit was 7.47 per cent, in tramways 6.00 per cent, and electric lighting 4.6 per cent, making a total average profit of \$3,215,281, or 5.14 per cent of the total capital outstanding in March, 1898, of \$62,547,969. The total average annual net income on certain other municipal undertakings, such as markets, baths, cemeteries, working class dwellings and piers, was \$308,357, or 4.27 per cent of the capital of \$7,235,263. Still other undertakings of municipalities, such as sewage disposal, slaughter houses, public libraries, harbors, etc., were not investigated, since the revenue feature with them is intentionally and rightly made subordinate to considerations of health, education and general social advantage in their management.—E. W. Bemis, N. Y. Times.

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LABORERS ON HAWAII.

Hilo, June 23.—There seem to have been some slight "emutes" at various times and places on this island during the past week, as well as on the other islands of the group; a state of affairs which was only to be expected at the period of transition from the old to the new political and industrial regime. On the whole, however, these troubles have for the most part settled themselves when the misunderstanding which occasioned them was corrected.

In most cases a desire on the part of the Japanese contract laborers to secure their cancelled contracts previous to proceeding with their labors caused a suspension of work, and wherever this was granted them, as at Waiakani, they settled down quietly to earn their bread "at the old stand" as free laborers, making no disturbance when ring-leaders, who had stirred them up to serve their own ends, were discharged by the plantation management.

The real leaders and directors of the Japanese everywhere are acting with discretion and good faith, and will probably be able to guide their countrymen through this critical period to the satisfaction of all save the deliberate and malicious malcontents.—Tribune.

HILO POST OFFICE SCORED.

Hilo, June 23.—H. H. Hall, who represents the United States Postoffice Department, arrived in Hilo on Wednesday's Kinau and left for Honolulu by return boat. Mr. Hall's visit was to consult with the postal officials here relative to the conduct and management of this branch of the Territorial office.

Mr. Hall says: "The present post office quarters are a disgrace to the town and the Government, and something must be done to make an improvement in this respect at once. The United States Government will erect a suitable building here without doubt in the near future. In the meantime something must be done to remove the post office to more decent quarters."

Mr. Hall, while here, endeavored to find room in some of the new blocks, but nothing available was altogether satisfactory. It is probable, however, that some change will be made. As soon as the business of the office reaches \$9000 per month the free delivery system will be inaugurated. It is now within \$2200 of that mark, and at the present rate of increase this improvement in service is not far away.—Tribune.

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Private John Spoiled It.

On the floor of the House, at least, the Hon. Amos Cummings of New York has proved a failure as a friend of injured birds, and all on account of irrepressible John Allen of Tupelo, Miss. Representative Lacey's bill to prevent the importation of certain of the feathered tribe was under discussion, says a Washington correspondent and Mr. Cummings was telling how wicked the English sparrows are.

"Only the other day," he said "I was walking through the Capitol grounds when I saw a poor little robin surrounded by sparrows that were picking it to pieces. At my approach the sparrows fled, but the robin was unable to use its wings. I picked it up and took it to my home, a short distance away. There I gave it a drink of brandy, and it died a moment later. Under its wings—"

"If it were the same stuff you gave me yesterday, I wonder it lived that moment," broke in Private John.

Mr. Cummings looked reproachfully at Mr. Allen and sat down, while the House roared. What was under that robin's wings will never be published in the Congressional Record.

(To the Memory of Robert Burns.)
Why sigh for him whose earthly days
Are spent in ordinary ways.

Who merely plods along
And after all is done, lies down
Without high honors or renown,

Un glorified in song?
No fools will dig up stories then
To pass along to future men.

Or wrangle o'er his dust,
Or call him great or write him down
As soulless mountebank or clown—

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—S. E. Kiser in Chicago Times-Herald.

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